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Bangalore
4th April

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My dear Sir,

I am directed by the Dewan to send you the accompanying extract from Mr Campbell's D.O. letter to the Dewan, No 177 of 31st March 1910 and to request that plans and estimates for the proposed new General Hospital at Tyree may be prepared early in connection with the Lewis Scheme.

Yours sincerely
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The Medical Engineer,
Chamarajpet.

Bangalore
4th April 10

D. Dewan 757/En2

My dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your D.O. No 177 of 31st March 1910 regarding plans & estimates for a new General Hospital at Tyree

Yours sincerely
for
AS

Extract from D.O. No 177 dated 31st March 1910 from Lewis Campbell Esq. Chief Secretary to Government to the Dewan

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for Chief Secretary

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The Palace, Bangalore,

31st March 1910

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My dear Sir,

I am directed to communicate His Highness' orders on File No 839 dated 28-1-10 which is returned herewith First as regards the Government Eye Hospital His Highness has carefully considered the arguments in favour of the different sites proposed for this Institution, and has come to the conclusion that the best site is the vacant plot of ground in the South West corner of the Victoria Hospital compound You are aware of His Highness' anxiety to see a proper General Hospital erected in Mysore In sanctioning the construction of an Eye Hospital at Bangalore His Highness wishes it to be clearly understood that this institution is not to take precedence of the new Mysore General Hospital, but that the two buildings are to be budgeted for and erected simultaneously, the expenditure on them being spread over two or three years The second site referred to in your memorandum is that for Quilon Venkata Rao's Chuttram His highness thinks that Chikanna's gardens will be the best site for this building As for the Y M C A, they may be offered the choice between the South East plots of the Fort and Advocate Narasimhangar Ward, these being the 2nd and the 5th sites referred to by you It is not necessary to assign any site for the late Gubbi Thotadappa's proposed school as the founder is now dead and until his heirs move in the matter no action is called for

Yours sincerely,

R Kamath

I Ananda Rao, Esq, B A,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore

These papers having been finally disposed of the papers are sent to the Office please see the comments & orders recorded on the 23rd April & the file returned

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The Palace, Bangalore
31st March 1910
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Routine Notes

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The Secretary of State requests that the necessary steps may be taken to procure the issue of the Secretary of State's Warrant to Her Majesty's Attorney General for the Great Seal to be affixed to a Commission under the Great Seal appointing Sir Ernest Mackintosh, Knight, to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland in the room of the Honourable Sir Joseph Little, Knight, deceased.

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Subject.

Memorandum on certain public buildings, awaiting construction at Bangalore, and the sites which have to be allotted for them.

Order.

For orders on this file
Vide Mr Campbell's D.O.
No 177 of 31 3 1910

Karikal Thadiyam
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My dear Sir

I have duly received your letter No 839 of 28 1 10 with the request that I may be kindly furnished from the Huzur orders as to return to Bangalore from Bombay next when I hope to be able to make an inspection of the Sorabjee

Submitted to His Highness

I submit a Memorandum on certain public buildings, awaiting construction at Bangalore, and the sites which have to be allotted for them.

2. The subjects have been discussed at great length and for a long time, so that a decision is urgent and pressing. Upon a careful consideration of all requirements and available alternatives, the proposals contained in the annexed Memorandum appear to me to be the most suitable, and I submit the matter for orders.

Memorandum

There is need for selecting and deciding upon suitable sites for certain public buildings at Bangalore. The matter is of some urgency as the questions have been pending long and the parties concerned are pressing for orders.

2 The public buildings for which sites are required are -

(A) Government Eye Hospital

File no 358 of 08 — (B) Quilon Venkat Row's Chattram

156 of 08 — (C) Y M C.A.

(D) A possible School at Dharma Pravartna Rai Bahadur Gubbi Thotadappa's cost.

3. The sites in view are -

(1) The southern corner of Victoria Hospital compound

(2) The south east glacis of the Fort in Bangalore City

Plan - Class J in File no 358 of 08 - (3) Chikkanna's gardens - Survey No 6 Dodballkhana Village (included in Bangalore City Municipal limits) and situated south of the Fort

Class J in File no 156 of 08 (4) Mr Virendra Row's land - Survey No 101 old (Revised No 16) Sampigehalli village (included in Bangalore City limits), near the Survey Superintendent's Office

" Class J in File no 2 6 of 09 — (5) Advocate Narasim Iyengar's land Survey No 26 old (Revised No 38) Hanumanthpur village (included in Bangalore City limits) lying behind (i e south of) the houses of Dewan Ananda Row and retired Assistant Commissioner N Narasim Iyengar on Tail Road (Sites and Road).

4. A few remarks regarding

aforesaid buildings and sites may be necessary here by way of explanation.

5. First as to buildings.

(A) The proposed Government Eye Hospital will cost between 1 and 1½ lakhs of rupees. Senior Surgeon Col. Smyth attaches great importance to the Eye Hospital being in close proximity to the Victoria Hospital and with this view proposes to locate it in the southern part of the compound. This is physically practicable and would require a shifting of the compound walls on the south western corner of the compound (which is comparatively a small matter) and the dismantling of the Fort wall in that locality, which is a matter of some consequence. Dismantling the Fort wall there may or may not require to be followed up by dismantling the entire Fort wall on the west of the Fort. In any case this would take time and money. It is doubtful policy to locate the Eye Hospital on the assumption that the Fort wall would go. But an almost insuperable objection to this site for Eye Hospital is

that the locality is already crowded with the residential quarters of Medical officers and Nurses of the Victoria Hospital, so that if the Eye Hospital were added on, the locality would become overcrowded, and the existing residential quarters above mentioned would become hemmed in and less healthy than they are now. A serious difficulty would present itself in the cardinal point, which the Eye Hospital if located here would have to face. A northern or a southern facing is essential but this would be difficult if not impossible. An eastern or a western facing would be prohibitive. The locality is so near roads with heavy traffic that the Eye Hospital would be uncomfortable to patients on account of dust and noise. Above all, there is no space here for residential quarters for the Superintendent of the Eye Hospital and some of his subordinates. The Superintendent has now his official residence opposite to the Maternity near the District Office buildings. There are two other alternative sites, viz. (2) the south east

glacis of the Fort and (4) Mr Vyayendra Row's land already named The former has been ordered to be kept vacant as a play ground for students generally in the Government order sanctioning land to the Vakkaligar Sangha, and if proximity to the Victoria Hospital is of paramount importance this reservation will have to be cancelled, and as even so the site would not be sufficient for the Eye Hospital, it will be necessary to shift southwards the boundary of the grant to the Vakkaligar Sangha. Col Smyth would consider this site as suitable, but whether it would be practicable is another question the answer to which would in the foregoing circumstances probably be in the negative The second of the alternatives just mentioned (viz (4) Mr Vyayendra Row's land) seems to be preferable by far It is an ideal site, within the area reserved for Government buildings, midway between the City and the Civil and Military Station (for we cannot ignore the Civil Military Station altogether in this

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It may be far from the Victoria Hospital, but that need not matter as the two institutions have little in common except the supervision of the Senior Surgeon, which can in any case be had to the requisite extent.

6. The next public building for which a site has to be found is (B) Quilon Vēcata Row's Chattram, (or Dewan Bahadur Ragoonatha Row's Chattram as it is called in the official correspondence). There was at Sidhicutta a Chattram with a garden attached to it built by (Quilon) Rao Rao Rai Vēcata Row father of Dewan Bahadur Ragoonatha Row. As the locality has since become very insanitary, it was settled while Sir P.N.Krishna Murti was Dewan, that the site should be sold and that a new Chattram should be built out of the sale proceeds (and more money if possible) in a suitable locality, the site being granted free of charge. Sir P.N. Krishna Murti selected the site and issued orders granting it. The site thus selected and granted is what is described in the foregoing part of this Memorandum as (2) South east glacis of the Fort. As already

stated it has since been ordered to be kept open. Either the latter order should be cancelled and the site given over to Dewan Bahadur Ragoonatha Row according to the original grant or another and an equally suitable one should be given. \ He has been repeatedly pressing for the former (for it was granted 4 years ago), but he would probably agree to take another site of equally suitable. He seems to be keen upon the Chatrtram being located within easy reach of the Victoria Hospital so that it may be useful to the friends and relations of the sick who resort to the Victoria Hospital He can probably be persuaded to accept the site named above as (3) Chikkanna's garden in the Chamarajpett Extension It is No 3 of the three sites discussed in the First Councillor's note on the file dated 25th September 1909 It was (along with two other sites in the neighbourhood required for other purposes) notified in the Gazette under the Land Acquisition Regulation as intended for a new Sanskrit College (

present Sanskrit College within the Fort being intended to be utilized for Maternity purposes). But as the idea of a new Sanskrit College has been or may well be abandoned, the land may now be acquired and given over for Dewan Bahadur Ragoonatha Row's Chattram. The site will of course have to be given free of price as promised by Sir Krishna Murti, and the cost of acquiring Chikkanna's garden will be borne by the Muzrai Department The proposed structure for the Chattram (as per plan approved by Sir P N. Krishna Murti) is good in appearance and commodious, altogether worthy of this site which is near the new Extension.

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7 The next public institution requiring consideration is one ~~of~~ for the (C) Y.M C A. This Association is prepared to spend a lakh of Rupees in 3 or 5 years on a building to contain a well equipped library and reading room, a lecture hall, educational class rooms for commercial and technical purposes, large games and recreation grounds tennis Courts, Athletic grounds,

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Hostel to accommodate 50 or 60 students, and if possible a large swimming bath. It is well known that the Y.M.C.A. mean what they say. They ask for a suitable site free of cost, in the same way as free sites have been granted to the (Bangalore) City Institute, Theosophical Institute, Vakkaligar Sangha, Mahratta Hostel &c. There has been great difficulty in finding a suitable site that is likely to be worthy of the outlay the Y.M.C.A. will incur The First Councillor has been able to suggest only one site, viz that above described as (4) Mr.Vyayendra Row's land It is indeed suitable for the purpose, but I am afraid we cannot afford to give it first because it is within the area reserved for Government buildings and is or will be required for such, second because I consider it most suitable for the proposed Eye Hospital and third because the Y M C A. will there be located perhaps too close to the Government High School which is to rise on the Government land on the opposite, that is on

side of the Public Offices road. I should consider that the site No.(5) in the list given at the outset of this Memorandum, viz. No.(5) Advocate Narasim Iyengar's land would be suitable in itself and preferable for the Y.M.C.A. It is agricultural land within a radius of half a mile of the Railway Station and for which a heavy fee is payable to Government before Government may sanction its appropriation for other than agricultural purposes. It was some years ago notified in the Gazette for acquisition by Government for "town extension" purposes; but with extensions started elsewhere, this idea was given up. But the Municipality now want to acquire portions of it and of other lands to open a road and conservancy lanes for the benefit of the houses in that locality and for abating the nuisances there which now abound. The Deputy Commissioner has sent up his proposals for acquiring these small areas; but while we are at it, it would be well to take up the entire area comprised between the house belonging to

to Government Advocate Mr. Ramayana Rao (called "Bhadra Asraya") on the south, and the houses of Ex-Assistant Commissioner N. Narasima Iyengar and Dewan Ananda Row on the north (vide sketch received with Bangalore Deputy Commissioner's No.128 dated 31st December 1909), and distribute it between the Y.M.C.A. on the one hand and the proposed municipal purposes on the other. The Y.M.C.A. have not been consulted on the acceptability of this site to them. But the probability is that they would take it and like it, unless His Highness is pleased to sanction the grant to them of the whole or a portion of the ground opposite to Mr. V.P. Madhava Rao's Patan Bhavan Cottage, which is now used for training horses and ponies occasionally.

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8. Lastly, Dharma Pravartha Rai Bahadur Gubbi Thotadappa is stated to be prepared to devote 12 or 15 Thousand Rupees for a public school building if a site could be given him. A formal application has not yet come, but is probable. The plot of

ground mentioned in the last preceding paragraph may be given to him if the Y.M.C.A. do not care for it. In this view the land is worth acquiring as likely to be useful for one public purpose or another.

T Macdonald
28/1/20